U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless if displays a valid OMB control number. Docket Number (Optional) PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) SPINE 3.0-437 CIPCIPCIPCIPCIPCIPCON I FY 2009 (Fees pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 (H.R. 4818).) Application Number 10/784,646-Conf. #8184 Filed February 23, 2004 ARTIFICIAL INTERVERTEBRAL DISC TRIAL HAVING A CONTROLLABLY SEPARABLE DISTAL END Art Unit 3738 Examiner B. E. Pellegrino This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application. The requested extension and fee are as follows (check time period desired and enter the appropriate fee below): Small Entity Fee Fee One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1)) \$130 \$65 130.00 Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2)) \$490 \$245 Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3)) \$1110 \$555 Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4)) \$1730 \$865 Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5)) \$2350 \$1175 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed. Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached. Х The Director has already been authorized to charge fees in this application to a Deposit Account. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 12-1095 WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038. I am the applicant/inventor. assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71. Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96). attorney or agent of record. Registration Number 58,653 attorney or agent under 37 CFR 1.34. Registration number if acting under 37 CFR 1.34 /William A. Di Bianca/ March 19, 2009 Signature Date William A. Di Bianca (908) 654-5000 Typed or printed name Telephone Number NOTE: Signatures of all the inventors or assignees of record of the entire interest or their representative(s) are required. Submit multiple forms if more

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